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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Nursing Facility Provider Fee Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

303 East 17th Avenue, Conference Room 11 A

October 21, 2015

1. Call to Order

Matt Haynes called the meeting to order at 01:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

There were sufficient members for a quorum.

A. Members Present

Paul Landry, Lonnie Hilzer, Arlene Miles, Josh Fant

B. Members on the Phone

Greg Traxler, Cindy Bunting, Lori Nelson

C. Members Excused

Chris Stenger, Janet Snipes, John Brammeier, Dan Stenerson, Doug Farmer

D. Staff Present

Matt Haynes, Jeff Wittreich, Marnie Montano

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 19, 2015 meeting were approved.

4. Rate Analysis

- Compared 7/1 unaudited to the 7/1 audited for the last 4 years, 2011-14
 - Looked at most recently audited rate compared to the 7/1 unaudited rate
 - Looked at most recently audited rate compared to the 7/1 audited rate
- Calculated an average variance for each individual year and then averaged the 4 years to see what happened over the last 4 audited years
- On average the audited rate is .89 less than the unaudited rate
 - There was a facility that increased by \$16.82
 - There was a facility that decreased by \$19.55
 - Each year someone increased and decreased by a high variance



- On average the most recent audited rate is \$3.43 less than the 7/1 unaudited rate
 - Larger variance between the most recent audited rate and the 7/1 unaudited than there is between the 7/1 audited and the 7/1 unaudited
- Expect that the differences in per diem between the 5/1 rate and the 7/1 rate is more significant than the differences between the an audited rate and unaudited rate that are based on the same cost report
- \$3.36 variance between the most recent audited rate and the 7/1 audited rate
- On average there are 58 facilities that see an increase in their rate because of adjustments
- There are 121 facilities that see a decrease in their rate because of adjustments
- There are about 4 that don't change at all
- On average there are 6 facilities that see more than a \$10 change based on audited adjustments
- Significant implications, the 7/1 unaudited rate is used to set the MMIS rate
 - If there are significant variances the MMIS rate is forever impacted
- We know that the 7/1 unaudited is closer to the 7/1 audited so using the latest audited rate is problematic
- If we use an unaudited rate it will still have cost report errors that result in drastic differences
- Other option, each year do not establish an interim rate based off an unaudited cost report just increase everyone's MMIS rate by 3% and then do a rate true up
- Something to think about is the impact on negative rate true ups
- Some facilities are already using audited rate for 7/1
- Would want to consider re-basing the rates.
- Another option would be to stay with unaudited rate and then go back and do some sort of true up on MMIS rate

5. Public Comment

No public comments

6. Action Items

HCPF will model some scenarios to demonstrate the flat 3% and re-base to present at the November meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 02:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be on November 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

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